

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A hydraulic shock absorber having a rod guide for guiding a piston rod provided in an end portion of a cylinder and sliding within said cylinder, wherein said rod guide is constituted by a press molded product formed by press molding a sheet member, and at least a sliding surface of said rod guide with respect to said piston rod in the press mold product is coated directly only by a sliding synthetic resin layer constituted by one layer.

2. (ORIGINAL) A hydraulic shock absorber as claimed in claim 1, wherein said sliding synthetic resin layer is formed by outsert molding the sliding synthetic resin in said press molded product.

3. (ORIGINAL) A hydraulic shock absorber as claimed in claim 1, wherein said sliding synthetic resin layer is formed by coating the sliding synthetic resin on said press molded product.